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TO AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 201099 ACTION PRETORIA

INFO JOHANNESBURG 23 AUGUST.

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: TSPA, F

SUBJECT:CLOSURE OF NASA TRACKING STATION

REF: STATE 16776

1. AS POST AWARE, NASA PLANS TO CLOSE ITS SATELLITE TRACKING AND DATA ACQUISITION STATION NEAR JOHANNESBURG NOV. 1, 1975, FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF LAUNCH SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR VIKING MISSION.

2. CLOSURE OF NASA TANANARIVE STATION IN NO WAY EFFECTS THESE PLANS.

3. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING BY NOTE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY: QUOTE AS THE MINISTRY IS AWARE FROM NASA'S TELEGRAM TO DR. HEWITT OF CSIR ON APRIL 24, 1975, A COPY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH WAS FURNISHED TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY IN

WASHINGTON, D.C., NASA PLANS TO CLOSE ITS TRACKING STATION AFTER THE COMPLETION OF SUPPORT FOR THE VIKING MISSION. THE EMBASSY CONFIRMS THAT NASA STILL PLANS TO TERMINATE STATION OPERATIONS NO LATER THAN NOV. 1, 1975. FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE MINISTRY'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THE TRACKING STATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA,

SIGNED AT PRETORIA, SEPT. 13, 1960, WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY UNTIL THE PROCEDURES FOR CLOSING THE STATION AND DISPOSING OF ITS PROPERTY ARE COMPLETED, AT WHICH TIME THE EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY THE MINISTRY TO THAT EFFECT THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL.

THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON NASA'S DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT CSIR HAS PROVIDED THROUGH THE YEARS. THE DEDICATION AND TECHNICAL COMPETENCE OF THE STATION PERSONNEL HAS BEEN OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER. UNQUOTE.

4. IN ADDITION TO NOTIFYING DEPARTMENT BY TELEGRAM, CERTIFIED COPY OF NOTE TO SOUTH AFRICANS AND ORIGINAL OF REPLY SHOULD BE AIRGRAMMED TO DEPARTMENT, ATTENTION L/T. CERTIFIED COPY OF NOTIFICATION REFERRED TO IN LAST SENTENCE OF FIRST PARAGRAPH OF OUR NOTE SHOULD ALSO BE AIRGRAMMED TO DEPARTMENT, ATTENTION L/T, AS SOON AS IT IS SENT. ROBINSON UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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